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SUBJ: GRUMMAN AGENTS PROBLEM

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1. SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF PRESS STORY ON GRUMMAN AGENTS PROBLEM (REFTEL), GENERAL TOUFANIAN ASKED GRUMMAN TO PROVIDE BY DECEMBER 31 TWO DOCUMENTS: (A) CERTIFICATION IN FORM OF NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT THAT SINCE JUNE 1975 COMPANY HAD NO AGENTS FOR F-14 CONTRACT AND (B) SCHEDULE FOR REPAYMENT OF \$24 MILLION GRUMMAN HAD EARLIER OBLIGATED TO AGENTS ON THAT CONTRACT. TEXT FOR CERTIFICATION PROVIDED BY TOUFANIAN'S OFFICE. GRUMMAN WAS ALSO TOLD THAT NEXT GOI PAYMENT UNDER F-14 FMS CASE WOULD BE SUSPENDED UNTIL CERTIFICATION AND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE RECEIVED. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE, PAYMENT OF \$113,110,000 DUE ON JANUARY 1, 1976. TOUFANIAN HAS NOT MENTIONED POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF FMS PAYMENT IN SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH USG REPS DURING PAST WEEK.

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2. ON DECEMBER 30, WHEN GRUMMAN REPS AGAIN MET WITH BARAMI, MEMBER OF TOUFANIAN'S STAFF, THEY INFORMED HIM THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE BY STIPULATED DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 31. BARAMI REPLIED THAT IN THAT CASE IRAN WOULD DEFER FMS PAYMENTS UNTIL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED FROM GRUMMAN.

3. IN OUR CONVERSATION LATER SAME DAY WITH GRUMMAN REPS, WE SUGGESTED THAT, IF LEGALLY POSSIBLE, COMPANY PROVIDE REQUESTED CERTIFICATION ASAP AND ASSURE GENERAL TOUFANIAN THAT IT WAS WORKING DILIGENTLY ON PROBLEM OF PAYMENT SCHEDULE. REPS SAID THEY WOULD SO RECOMMEND TO HOME OFFICE AND, ADDITIONALLY, SUGGEST THAT SENIOR GRUMMAN EXECUTIVES ARRANGE TO MEET WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUGGESTED APPROACH WILL PROVE SATISFACTORY TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN AND AVOID DIFFICULTY WITH FMS PAYMENTS. WILL ADVISE.
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